



General Assembly

## ***Substitute Bill No. 26***

***February Session, 2014***



### ***AN ACT EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. Section 10-16p of the 2014 supplement to the general  
2       statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3       (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

4       (a) As used in sections 10-16o to 10-16s, inclusive, 10-16u, 17b-749a  
5       and 17b-749c:

6       (1) "School readiness program" means a nonsectarian program that  
7       (A) meets the standards set by the department pursuant to subsection  
8       (b) of this section and the requirements of section 10-16q, as amended  
9       by this act, and (B) provides a developmentally appropriate learning  
10      experience of not less than four hundred fifty hours and one hundred  
11      eighty days for eligible children, except as provided in subsection (d)  
12      of section 10-16q, as amended by this act;

13      (2) "Eligible children" means children three and four years of age  
14      and children five years of age who are not eligible to enroll in school  
15      pursuant to section 10-15c, or who are eligible to enroll in school and  
16      will attend a school readiness program pursuant to section 10-16t;

17      (3) "Priority school" means a school in which forty per cent or more

18 of the lunches served are served to students who are eligible for free or  
19 reduced price lunches pursuant to federal law and regulations,  
20 excluding such a school located in a priority school district pursuant to  
21 section 10-266p or in a former priority school district receiving a grant  
22 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section and, on and after July 1, 2001,  
23 excluding such a school in a transitional school district receiving a  
24 grant pursuant to section 10-16u;

25 (4) "Severe need school" means a school in a priority school district  
26 pursuant to section 10-266p or in a former priority school district in  
27 which forty per cent or more of the lunches served are served to  
28 students who are eligible for free or reduced price lunches;

29 (5) "Accredited" means accredited by the National Association for  
30 the Education of Young Children, a Head Start on-site program review  
31 instrument or a successor instrument pursuant to federal regulations,  
32 or otherwise meeting such criteria as may be established by the  
33 commissioner, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social  
34 Services, unless the context otherwise requires;

35 (6) "Seeking accreditation" means a school readiness program  
36 seeking accreditation by the National Association for the Education of  
37 Young Children or a Head Start on-site program review instrument or  
38 a successor instrument pursuant to federal regulations, or attempting  
39 to meet criteria as may be established by the commissioner;

40 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) "Year-round" means fifty weeks per year, except as  
41 provided in subsection (d) of section 10-16q, as amended by this act;

42 ~~[(7)]~~ (8) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Education; and

43 ~~[(8)]~~ (9) "Department" means the Department of Education.

44 (b) (1) The Department of Education shall be the lead agency for  
45 school readiness. For purposes of this section and section 10-16u,  
46 school readiness program providers eligible for funding from the  
47 Department of Education shall include local and regional boards of

48 education, regional educational service centers, family resource centers  
49 and providers of child day care centers, as defined in section 19a-77,  
50 Head Start programs, preschool programs and other programs that  
51 meet such standards established by the Commissioner of Education.  
52 The department shall establish standards for school readiness  
53 programs. The standards may include, but need not be limited to,  
54 guidelines for staff-child interactions, curriculum content, including  
55 preliteracy development, lesson plans, parent involvement, staff  
56 qualifications and training, transition to school and administration.  
57 The department shall develop age-appropriate developmental skills  
58 and goals for children attending such programs. The commissioner, in  
59 consultation with the president of the Board of Regents for Higher  
60 Education, the Commissioner of Social Services and other appropriate  
61 entities, shall develop a professional development program for the  
62 staff of school readiness programs.

63 (2) For purposes of this section:

64 (A) Prior to July 1, 2015, "staff qualifications" means there is in each  
65 classroom an individual who has at least the following: (i) A childhood  
66 development associate credential or an equivalent credential issued by  
67 an organization approved by the Commissioner of Education and  
68 twelve credits or more in early childhood education or child  
69 development, as determined by the president of the Board of Regents  
70 for Higher Education, after consultation with the Commissioners of  
71 Education and Social Services, from an institution of higher education  
72 (I) accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education or State  
73 Board of Education, and (II) regionally accredited; (ii) an associate's  
74 degree with twelve credits or more in early childhood education or  
75 child development, as determined by the president of the Board of  
76 Regents for Higher Education, after consultation with the  
77 Commissioners of Education and Social Services, from such an  
78 institution; (iii) a four-year degree with twelve credits or more in early  
79 childhood education or child development, as determined by the  
80 president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education, after

81 consultation with the Commissioners of Education and Social Services,  
82 from such an institution; or (iv) certification pursuant to section 10-  
83 145b with an endorsement in early childhood education or special  
84 education;

85 (B) From July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2020, "staff qualifications" means  
86 that for each early childhood education program accepting state funds  
87 for infant, toddler and preschool spaces associated with such  
88 program's child day care program or school readiness program, (i) at  
89 least fifty per cent of those individuals with the primary responsibility  
90 for a classroom of children hold (I) certification pursuant to section 10-  
91 145b with an endorsement in early childhood education or early  
92 childhood special education, or (II) a bachelor's degree with a  
93 concentration in early childhood education, including, but not limited  
94 to, a bachelor's degree in early childhood education, child study, child  
95 development or human growth and development, from an institution  
96 of higher education accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher  
97 Education or Office of Higher Education, and regionally accredited,  
98 provided such bachelor's degree program is approved by the Board of  
99 Regents for Higher Education and the Department of Education, and  
100 (ii) such remaining individuals with the primary responsibility for a  
101 classroom of children hold an associate degree with a concentration in  
102 early childhood education, including, but not limited to, an associate's  
103 degree in early childhood education, child study, child development or  
104 human growth and development, from an institution of higher  
105 education (I) accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education  
106 or Office of Higher Education, and (II) regionally accredited, provided  
107 such associate degree program is approved by the Board of Regents for  
108 Higher Education and the Department of Education; and

109 (C) On and after July 1, 2020, "staff qualifications" means that for  
110 each early childhood education program accepting state funds for  
111 infant, toddler and preschool spaces associated with such program's  
112 child day care program or school readiness program, one hundred per  
113 cent of those individuals with the primary responsibility for a

114 classroom of children hold (i) certification pursuant to section 10-145b  
115 with an endorsement in early childhood education or early childhood  
116 special education, or (ii) a bachelor's degree with a concentration in  
117 early childhood education, including, but not limited to, a bachelor's  
118 degree in early childhood education, child study, child development or  
119 human growth and development, from an institution of higher  
120 education (I) accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education  
121 or State Board of Education, and (II) regionally accredited, provided  
122 such bachelor's degree program is approved by the Board of Regents  
123 for Higher Education and the Department of Education.

124       (3) Any individual with a bachelor's degree who, on or before June  
125 30, 2015, is employed as a teacher by an early childhood education  
126 program that accepts state funds for infant, toddler and preschool  
127 spaces associated with such program's child day care program or  
128 school readiness program and meets the staff qualifications required  
129 under subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of this subsection shall be  
130 considered to meet the staff qualifications required under  
131 subparagraphs (B) and (C) of subdivision (2) of this subsection. No  
132 such early childhood education program shall terminate any such  
133 individual from employment for purposes of meeting the staff  
134 qualification requirements set forth in subparagraph (B) or (C) of  
135 subdivision (2) of this subsection. Any such individual who terminates  
136 his or her employment with such early childhood education program  
137 and accepts a teacher position at another early childhood education  
138 program accepting state funds for spaces associated with such  
139 program's child day care program or school readiness program shall  
140 submit documentation of such individual's progress toward meeting  
141 the staff qualification requirements set forth in subparagraph (B) or (C)  
142 of subdivision (2) of this subsection in a manner determined by the  
143 Department of Education.

144       (4) Any individual with a bachelor's degree other than those  
145 bachelor's degrees specified in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of  
146 subdivision (2) of this subsection may submit documentation

147 concerning such degree for review and assessment by the Department  
148 of Education as to whether such degree has a sufficient concentration  
149 in early childhood education so as to satisfy the requirements set forth  
150 in said subparagraphs (A) and (B).

151 (c) The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the  
152 Commissioner of Social Services, shall establish a grant program to  
153 provide spaces in accredited school readiness programs for eligible  
154 children who reside in priority school districts pursuant to section 10-  
155 266p or in former priority school districts as provided in this  
156 subsection. Under the program, the grant shall be provided, in  
157 accordance with this section, to the town in which such priority school  
158 district or former priority school district is located. Eligibility shall be  
159 determined for a five-year period based on an applicant's designation  
160 as a priority school district for the initial year of application, except  
161 that if a school district that receives a grant pursuant to this subsection  
162 is no longer designated as a priority school district at the end of such  
163 five-year period, such former priority school district shall continue to  
164 be eligible to receive a grant pursuant to this subsection. Grant awards  
165 shall be made annually contingent upon available funding and a  
166 satisfactory annual evaluation. The chief elected official of such town  
167 and the superintendent of schools for such priority school district or  
168 former priority school district shall submit a plan for the expenditure  
169 of grant funds and responses to the local request for proposal process  
170 to the Departments of Education and Social Services. The departments  
171 shall jointly review such plans and shall each approve the portion of  
172 such plan within its jurisdiction for funding. The plan shall: (1) Be  
173 developed in consultation with the local or regional school readiness  
174 council established pursuant to section 10-16r, as amended by this act;  
175 (2) be based on a needs and resource assessment; (3) provide for the  
176 issuance of requests for proposals for providers of accredited school  
177 readiness programs, provided, after the initial requests for proposals,  
178 facilities that have been approved to operate a child care program  
179 financed through the Connecticut Health and Education Facilities  
180 Authority and have received a commitment for debt service from the

181 Department of Social Services pursuant to section 17b-749i, are exempt  
182 from the requirement for issuance of annual requests for proposals;  
183 and (4) identify the need for funding pursuant to section 17b-749a in  
184 order to extend the hours and days of operation of school readiness  
185 programs in order to provide child day care services for children  
186 attending such programs.

187 (d) (1) The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the  
188 Commissioner of Social Services, shall establish a competitive grant  
189 program to provide spaces in accredited school readiness programs or  
190 school readiness programs seeking accreditation for eligible children  
191 who reside (A) in an area served by a priority school or a former  
192 priority school as provided for in subdivision (2) of this subsection, (B)  
193 in a town ranked one to fifty when all towns are ranked in ascending  
194 order according to town wealth, as defined in subdivision (26) of  
195 section 10-262f, whose school district is not a priority school district  
196 pursuant to section 10-266p, [or] (C) in a town formerly a town  
197 described in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, as provided for in  
198 subdivision (2) of this subsection, or (D) in a town designated as an  
199 alliance district, as defined in section 10-262u, whose school district is  
200 not a priority school district pursuant to section 10-266p. A town in  
201 which a priority school is located, a regional school readiness council,  
202 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-16r, as amended by this act, for  
203 a region in which such a school is located or a town described in  
204 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision may apply for such a grant in an  
205 amount not [to exceed] less than one hundred seven thousand dollars  
206 per priority school or town. Eligibility shall be determined for a five-  
207 year period based on an applicant's designation as having a priority  
208 school or being a town described in subparagraph (B) of this  
209 subdivision for the initial year of application. Grant awards shall be  
210 made annually contingent upon available funding and a satisfactory  
211 annual evaluation. The chief elected official of such town and the  
212 superintendent of schools of the school district or the regional school  
213 readiness council shall submit a plan, as described in subsection (c) of  
214 this section, for the expenditure of such grant funds to the Department

215 of Education. In awarding grants pursuant to this subsection, the  
216 commissioner shall give preference to applications submitted by  
217 regional school readiness councils and may, within available  
218 appropriations, provide a grant [in excess of one hundred seven  
219 thousand dollars to towns with two or more priority schools in such  
220 district] to such town or regional school readiness council that  
221 increases the number of spaces for eligible children who reside in an  
222 area or town described in subparagraphs (A) to (D), inclusive, of this  
223 subdivision, in an accredited school readiness program or a school  
224 readiness program seeking accreditation. A town or regional school  
225 readiness council awarded a grant pursuant to this subsection shall use  
226 the funds to purchase spaces for such children from providers of  
227 accredited school readiness programs or school readiness programs  
228 seeking accreditation.

229 (2) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision,  
230 commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, if a town  
231 received a grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection and is  
232 no longer eligible to receive such a grant, the town may receive a  
233 phase-out grant for each of the three fiscal years following the fiscal  
234 year such town received its final grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of  
235 this subsection.

236 (B) The amount of such phase-out grants shall be determined as  
237 follows: (i) For the first fiscal year following the fiscal year such town  
238 received its final grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, in  
239 an amount that does not exceed seventy-five per cent of the grant  
240 amount such town received for the town or school's final year of  
241 eligibility pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection; (ii) for the  
242 second fiscal year following the fiscal year such town received its final  
243 grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, in an amount that  
244 does not exceed fifty per cent of the grant amount such town received  
245 for the town's or school's final year of eligibility pursuant to  
246 subdivision (1) of this subsection; and (iii) for the third fiscal year  
247 following the fiscal year such town received its final grant pursuant to



248 subdivision (1) of this subsection, in an amount that does not exceed  
249 twenty-five per cent of the grant amount such town received for the  
250 town's or school's final year of eligibility pursuant to subdivision (1) of  
251 this subsection.

252 (C) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, and each fiscal year  
253 thereafter, any town that received a grant pursuant to subparagraph  
254 (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection for the fiscal year ending June  
255 30, 2010, shall continue to receive a grant under this subsection even if  
256 the town no longer meets the criteria for such grant pursuant to  
257 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection.

258 (e) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, and each fiscal year  
259 thereafter, priority school districts and former priority school districts  
260 shall receive grants based on the sum of the products obtained by (A)  
261 multiplying the district's number of contracted slots on March thirtieth  
262 of the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid,  
263 by the per child cost pursuant to subdivision [(2)] (1) of subsection (b)  
264 of section 10-16q, as amended by this act, except that such per child  
265 cost shall be reduced for slots that are less than year-round, and (B)  
266 multiplying the number of additional or decreased slots the districts  
267 have requested for the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid by  
268 the per child cost pursuant to subdivision [(2)] (1) of subsection (b) of  
269 section 10-16q, as amended by this act, except such per child cost shall  
270 be reduced for slots that are less than year-round. If said sum exceeds  
271 the available appropriation, such number of requested additional slots  
272 shall be reduced, as determined by the Commissioner of Education, to  
273 stay within the available appropriation.

274 (2) (A) If funds appropriated for the purposes of subsection (c) of  
275 this section are not expended, the Commissioner of Education may  
276 deposit such unexpended funds in the account established under  
277 section 10-16aa and use such unexpended funds in accordance with  
278 the provisions of section 10-16aa.

279 (B) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, and each fiscal year

280 thereafter, if funds appropriated for the purposes of subsection (c) of  
281 this section are not expended, an amount up to five hundred thousand  
282 dollars of such unexpended funds may be available for the provision  
283 of professional development for early childhood education program  
284 providers offered by a professional development and program  
285 improvement system within the Connecticut State University System  
286 and available for use in accordance with the provisions of this  
287 subparagraph for the subsequent fiscal year. The Commissioner of  
288 Education may use such unexpended funds on and after July 1, 2012,  
289 in consultation with the president of the Board of Regents for Higher  
290 Education, to support early childhood education programs accepting  
291 state funds in satisfying the staff qualifications requirements of  
292 subparagraphs (B) and (C) of subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this  
293 section. The Department of Education shall use any such funds to  
294 provide assistance to individual staff members, giving priority to those  
295 staff members attending an institution of higher education (i)  
296 accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education or State  
297 Board of Education, and (ii) regionally accredited, at a maximum of  
298 five thousand dollars per staff member per year for the cost of higher  
299 education courses leading to a bachelor's degree or, not later than  
300 December 31, 2013, an associate's degree, as such degrees are described  
301 in said subparagraphs (B) and (C) at an in-state public institution of  
302 higher education or a Connecticut-based for-profit or nonprofit  
303 institution of higher education, provided such staff members have  
304 applied for all available federal and state scholarships and grants, and  
305 such assistance does not exceed such staff members' financial need.  
306 Individual staff members shall apply for such unexpended funds in a  
307 manner determined by the Department of Education. The  
308 Commissioner of Education shall determine, in consultation with the  
309 president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education, how such  
310 unexpended funds shall be distributed.

311 (C) If funds appropriated for the purposes of subsection (c) of this  
312 section are not expended pursuant to subsection (c) of this section,  
313 deposited pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, or used

314 pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, the Commissioner of  
315 Education may use such unexpended funds to support local school  
316 readiness programs. The commissioner may use such funds for  
317 purposes including, but not limited to, (i) assisting local school  
318 readiness programs in meeting and maintaining accreditation  
319 requirements, (ii) providing training in implementing the preschool  
320 assessment and curriculum frameworks, including training to enhance  
321 literacy teaching skills, (iii) developing a state-wide preschool  
322 curriculum, (iv) developing student assessments for students in grades  
323 kindergarten to two, inclusive, (v) developing and implementing best  
324 practices for parents in supporting preschool and kindergarten student  
325 learning, (vi) developing and implementing strategies for children to  
326 transition from preschool to kindergarten, (vii) providing for  
327 professional development, including assisting in career ladder  
328 advancement, for school readiness staff, [and] (viii) providing  
329 supplemental grants to other towns that are eligible for grants  
330 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, and (ix) developing a plan to  
331 provide spaces in an accredited school readiness program or a school  
332 readiness program seeking accreditation to all eligible children who  
333 reside in an area or town described in subparagraphs (A) to (D),  
334 inclusive, of subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 10-16p, as  
335 amended by this act.

336 (3) Notwithstanding subdivision (2) of this subsection, for the fiscal  
337 years ending June 30, 2008, to June 30, 2013, inclusive, the Department  
338 of Education may retain up to one hundred ninety-eight thousand two  
339 hundred dollars of the amount appropriated for purposes of this  
340 section for coordination, program evaluation and administration.

341 (f) Any school readiness program that receives funds pursuant to  
342 this section or section 10-16u shall not discriminate on the basis of race,  
343 color, national origin, gender, religion or disability. For purposes of  
344 this section, a nonsectarian program means any public or private  
345 school readiness program that is not violative of the Establishment  
346 Clause of the Constitution of the State of Connecticut or the

347 Establishment Clause of the Constitution of the United States of  
348 America.

349 (g) Subject to the provisions of this subsection, no funds received by  
350 a town pursuant to subsection (c) or (d) of this section or section 10-  
351 16u shall be used to supplant federal, state or local funding received by  
352 such town for early childhood education, provided a town may use an  
353 amount determined in accordance with this subsection for  
354 coordination, program evaluation and administration. Such amount  
355 shall be at least twenty-five thousand dollars but not more than  
356 seventy-five thousand dollars and shall be determined by the  
357 Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of  
358 Social Services, based on the school readiness grant award allocated to  
359 the town pursuant to subsection (c) or (d) of this section or section 10-  
360 16u and the number of operating sites for coordination, program  
361 evaluation and administration. Such amount shall be increased by an  
362 amount equal to local funding provided for early childhood education  
363 coordination, program evaluation and administration, not to exceed  
364 twenty-five thousand dollars. Each town that receives a grant pursuant  
365 to subsection (c) or (d) of this section or section 10-16u shall designate  
366 a person to be responsible for such coordination, program evaluation  
367 and administration and to act as a liaison between the town and the  
368 Departments of Education and Social Services. Each school readiness  
369 program that receives funds pursuant to this section or section 10-16u  
370 shall provide information to the department or the school readiness  
371 council, as requested, that is necessary for purposes of any school  
372 readiness program evaluation.

373 (h) [For the first three years a] Any town [receives grants] receiving  
374 a grant pursuant to this section [,] may use such [grants may be used]  
375 grant, with the approval of the commissioner, to prepare a facility or  
376 staff for operating a school readiness program and shall be adjusted  
377 based on the number of days of operation of a school readiness  
378 program if a shorter term of operation is approved by the  
379 commissioner.

380 (i) A town may use grant funds to purchase spaces for eligible  
381 children who reside in such town at an accredited school readiness  
382 program located in another town. A regional school readiness council  
383 may use grant funds to purchase spaces for eligible children who  
384 reside in the region covered by the council at an accredited school  
385 readiness program located outside such region.

386 (j) Children enrolled in school readiness programs funded pursuant  
387 to this section shall not be counted (1) as resident students for  
388 purposes of subdivision (22) of section 10-262f, or (2) in the  
389 determination of average daily membership pursuant to subdivision  
390 (2) of subsection (a) of section 10-261.

391 (k) Up to two per cent of the amount of the appropriation for this  
392 section may be allocated to the competitive grant program pursuant to  
393 subsection (d) of this section. The determination of the amount of such  
394 allocation shall be made on or before August first.

395 Sec. 2. Section 10-16q of the general statutes is repealed and the  
396 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

397 (a) Each school readiness program shall include: (1) A plan for  
398 collaboration with other community programs and services, including  
399 public libraries, and for coordination of resources in order to facilitate  
400 full-day and year-round child care and education programs for  
401 children of working parents and parents in education or training  
402 programs; (2) parent involvement, parenting education and outreach;  
403 (3) (A) record-keeping policies that require documentation of the name  
404 and address of each child's doctor, primary care provider and health  
405 insurance company and information on whether the child is  
406 immunized and has had health screens pursuant to the federal Early  
407 and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Services Program  
408 under 42 USC 1396d, and (B) referrals for health services, including  
409 referrals for appropriate immunizations and screenings; (4) a plan for  
410 the incorporation of appropriate preliteracy practices and teacher  
411 training in such practices; (5) nutrition services; (6) referrals to family

412 literacy programs that incorporate adult basic education and provide  
413 for the promotion of literacy through access to public library services;  
414 (7) admission policies that promote enrollment of children from  
415 different racial, ethnic and economic backgrounds and from other  
416 communities; (8) a plan of transition for participating children from the  
417 school readiness program to kindergarten and provide for the transfer  
418 of records from the program to the kindergarten program; (9) a plan  
419 for professional development for staff, including, but not limited to,  
420 training (A) in preliteracy skills development, and (B) designed to  
421 assure respect for racial and ethnic diversity; (10) a sliding fee scale for  
422 families participating in the program pursuant to section 17b-749d;  
423 and (11) an annual evaluation of the effectiveness of the program. On  
424 and after July 1, 2000, school readiness programs shall use the  
425 assessment measures developed pursuant to section 10-16s in  
426 conducting their annual evaluations.

427 [(b) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, the per child cost of  
428 the Department of Education school readiness component of the  
429 program offered by a school readiness provider shall not exceed six  
430 thousand six hundred fifty dollars.]

431 [(2)] (b) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2009] 2015, and each  
432 fiscal year thereafter, the per child cost of the Department of Education  
433 school readiness program offered by a school readiness provider shall  
434 be within available appropriations and shall not [exceed] be less than  
435 eight thousand [three] six hundred [forty-six] sixty-one dollars.

436 [(3)] (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (e) of section  
437 10-16p, as amended by this act, the Department of Education shall not  
438 provide funding to any school readiness provider that (A) on or before  
439 January 1, 2004, first entered into a contract with a town to provide  
440 school readiness services pursuant to this section and is not accredited  
441 on January 1, 2007, or (B) after January 1, 2004, first entered into a  
442 contract with a town to provide school readiness services pursuant to  
443 this section and does not become accredited by the date three years  
444 after the date on which the provider first entered into such a contract,

except that the Commissioner of Education may grant an extension of time for a school readiness program to become accredited or reaccredited, provided (i) prior to such extension, the Department of Education conducts an on-site assessment of any such program and maintains a report of such assessment completed in a uniform manner, as prescribed by the commissioner, that includes a list of conditions such program must fulfill to become accredited or reaccredited, (ii) the program is licensed by the Department of Public Health if required to be licensed by chapter 368a, (iii) the program has a corrective action plan that shall be prescribed by and monitored by the Commissioner of Education, and (iv) the program meets such other conditions as may be prescribed by the commissioner. During the period of such extension, such program shall be eligible for funding pursuant to said section 10-16p.

[(4)] (3) A school readiness provider may provide child day care services and the cost of such child day care services shall not be subject to such per child cost limitation.

(c) A local or regional board of education may implement a sliding fee scale for the cost of services provided to children enrolled in a school readiness program.

(d) A town or school readiness council may file a waiver application to the Department of Education on forms provided by the department for the purpose of seeking approval of a school readiness schedule that varies from the minimum hours and number of days provided for in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-16p, as amended by this act, or from the definition of a year-round program pursuant to subdivision (7) of said subsection (a). The Department of Education may, in consultation with the Department of Social Services, approve any such waiver if the departments find that the proposed schedule meets the purposes set forth in the provisions of section 10-16o concerning the development of school readiness programs and maximizes available dollars to serve more children or address community needs.

478 Sec. 3. Section 10-16r of the general statutes is repealed and the  
479 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

480 (a) A town seeking to apply for a grant pursuant to subsection (c) of  
481 section 10-16p, as amended by this act, or section 10-16u shall convene  
482 a local school readiness council or shall establish a regional school  
483 readiness council pursuant to subsection (c) of this section. Any other  
484 town may convene such a council. The chief elected official of the town  
485 or, in the case of a regional school district, the chief elected officials of  
486 the towns in the school district and the superintendent of schools for  
487 the school district shall jointly appoint and convene such council. Each  
488 school readiness council shall be composed of: (1) The chief elected  
489 official, or the official's designee; (2) the superintendent of schools, or a  
490 management level staff person as the superintendent's designee; (3)  
491 parents; (4) representatives from local programs such as Head Start,  
492 family resource centers, nonprofit and for-profit child day care centers,  
493 group day care homes, prekindergarten and nursery schools, and  
494 family day care home providers; (5) a representative from a health care  
495 provider in the community; and (6) other representatives from the  
496 community who provide services to children. The chief elected official  
497 shall designate the chairperson of the school readiness council.

498 (b) The local school readiness council shall: (1) Make  
499 recommendations to the chief elected official and the superintendent of  
500 schools on issues relating to school readiness, including any  
501 applications for grants pursuant to sections 10-16p, as amended by this  
502 act, 10-16u, 17b-749a and 17b-749c; (2) foster partnerships among  
503 providers of school readiness programs; (3) [assist in the identification  
504 of (A) the need for school readiness programs and the number of  
505 children not being served by such a program, and (B) for priority  
506 school districts pursuant to section 10-266p, the number of children not  
507 being served by such a program and the estimated operating cost of  
508 providing universal school readiness to eligible children in such  
509 districts who are not being served; (4)] submit biennial reports to the  
510 Department of Education on the number and location of school



511 readiness spaces and estimates of [future needs; (5) submit biennial  
 512 reports on factors identified pursuant to subdivision (3) of this  
 513 subsection; (6)] the number of children not being served by school  
 514 readiness programs and the estimated cost of providing spaces to all  
 515 eligible children, as described in subparagraphs (A) to (D), inclusive, of  
 516 subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 10-16p, as amended by this  
 517 act, in an accredited school readiness program or a school readiness  
 518 program seeking accreditation; (4) cooperate with the department in  
 519 any program evaluation and, on and after July 1, 2000, use measures  
 520 developed pursuant to section 10-16s for purposes of evaluating the  
 521 effectiveness of school readiness programs; [(7)] (5) identify existing  
 522 and prospective resources and services available to children and  
 523 families; [(8)] (6) facilitate the coordination of the delivery of services  
 524 to children and families, including (A) referral procedures, and (B)  
 525 before and after-school child care for children attending kindergarten  
 526 programs; [(9)] (7) exchange information with other councils, the  
 527 community and organizations serving the needs of children and  
 528 families; [(10)] (8) make recommendations to school officials  
 529 concerning transition from school readiness programs to kindergarten;  
 530 and [(11)] (9) encourage public participation.

531 (c) Two or more towns or school districts and appropriate  
 532 representatives of groups or entities interested in early childhood  
 533 education in a region may establish a regional school readiness  
 534 council. If a priority school is located in at least one of such school  
 535 districts, the regional school readiness council may apply for a grant  
 536 pursuant to subsection (d) of section 10-16p, as amended by this act.  
 537 The regional school readiness council may perform the duties outlined  
 538 in subdivisions (2) to [(10)] (8), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this  
 539 section.

540 Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2014*) The Commissioner of the Office of Early  
 541 Childhood established pursuant to section 1 of substitute senate bill 25  
 542 of the current session, shall develop a plan to provide spaces to all  
 543 eligible children, as defined in section 5 of this act, in an accredited

544 school readiness program, as defined in section 5 of this act, or a school  
545 readiness program seeking accreditation, as defined in section 5 of this  
546 act. The commissioner shall submit such plan to the Governor on or  
547 before January 1, 2015.

548 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) (a) For purposes of this section:

549 (1) "Eligible town" means a town in which a priority school, as  
550 defined in section 10-16p of the general statutes, as amended by this  
551 act, is located or a town ranked one to fifty when all towns are ranked  
552 in ascending order according to town wealth, as defined in subdivision  
553 (26) of section 10-262f of the general statutes, whose school district is  
554 not a priority school district pursuant to section 10-266p of the general  
555 statutes;

556 (2) "Eligible regional school readiness council" means a regional  
557 school readiness council, pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-16r of  
558 the general statutes, as amended by this act, for a region in which a  
559 priority school is located;

560 (3) "Eligible children" means children (A) three and four years of age  
561 and children five years of age who are not eligible to enroll in school  
562 pursuant to section 10-15c of the general statutes, or who are eligible to  
563 enroll in school and will attend a school readiness program pursuant  
564 to section 10-16t of the general statutes, and (B) who reside (i) in an  
565 area served by a priority school or a former priority school, as  
566 described in subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of section 10-16p of the  
567 general statutes, as amended by this act, (ii) in a town ranked one to  
568 fifty when all towns are ranked in ascending order according to town  
569 wealth, as defined in subdivision (26) of section 10-262f of the general  
570 statutes, whose school district is not a priority school district pursuant  
571 to section 10-266p of the general statutes, (iii) in a town formerly a  
572 town described in clause (ii) of this subparagraph, as provided for in  
573 subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of section 10-16p of the general  
574 statutes, as amended by this act, or (iv) in a town designated as an  
575 alliance district, as defined in section 10-262u of the general statutes,

576 whose school district is not a priority school district pursuant to  
577 section 10-266p of the general statutes;

578 (4) "School readiness program" has the same meaning as provided  
579 in section 10-16p of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

580 (5) "Priority school" has the same meaning as provided in section 10-  
581 16p of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

582 (6) "Accredited" has the same meaning as provided in section 10-16p  
583 of the general statutes, as amended by this act; and

584 (7) "Seeking accreditation" has the same meaning as provided in  
585 section 10-16p of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

586 (b) The Commissioner of the Office of Early Childhood, established  
587 pursuant to section 1 of substitute senate bill 25 of the current session,  
588 shall establish a grant program for eligible towns and eligible regional  
589 school readiness councils for (1) start-up of school readiness  
590 classrooms, and (2) providing spaces to all eligible children in  
591 accredited school readiness programs and school readiness programs  
592 seeking accreditation. An eligible town or eligible regional school  
593 readiness council may apply for such grant to the commissioner, at  
594 such time and in such manner as the commissioner prescribes.

595 Sec. 6. Section 19a-80 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
596 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

597 (a) No person, group of persons, association, organization,  
598 corporation, institution or agency, public or private, shall maintain a  
599 child day care center or group day care home without a license issued  
600 in accordance with sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, and 19a-82 to  
601 19a-87a, inclusive. Applications for such license shall be made to the  
602 Commissioner of [Public Health] the Office of Early Childhood,  
603 established pursuant to section 1 of substitute senate bill 25 of the  
604 current session, on forms provided by the commissioner and shall  
605 contain the information required by regulations adopted under said

606 sections. The forms shall contain a notice that false statements made  
607 therein are punishable in accordance with section 53a-157b.

608 (b) (1) Upon receipt of an application for a license, the  
609 [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner shall issue such license  
610 if, upon inspection and investigation, said commissioner finds that the  
611 applicant, the facilities and the program meet the health, educational  
612 and social needs of children likely to attend the child day care center or  
613 group day care home and comply with requirements established by  
614 regulations adopted under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, and  
615 sections 19a-82 to 19a-87a, inclusive. The commissioner shall offer an  
616 expedited application review process for an application submitted by a  
617 municipal agency or department. The commissioner shall have  
618 discretion to determine whether a change of operator, ownership or  
619 location request from a currently licensed person or entity, as  
620 described in subsection (a) of this section, shall require the filing of a  
621 new license application from such person or entity. Each license shall  
622 be for a term of four years, shall be nontransferable, and may be  
623 renewed upon receipt by the commissioner of a renewal application  
624 and accompanying licensure fee. The commissioner may suspend or  
625 revoke such license after notice and an opportunity for a hearing as  
626 provided in section 19a-84 for violation of the regulations adopted  
627 under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, and sections 19a-82 to 19a-  
628 87a, inclusive.

629 (2) The [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner shall collect  
630 from the licensee of a day care center a fee of five hundred dollars  
631 prior to issuing or renewing a license for a term of four years. The  
632 commissioner shall collect from the licensee of a group day care home  
633 a fee of two hundred fifty dollars prior to issuing or renewing a license  
634 for a term of four years. The commissioner shall require only one  
635 license for a child day care center operated in two or more buildings,  
636 provided the same licensee provides child day care services in each  
637 building and the buildings are joined together by a contiguous  
638 playground that is part of the licensed space.

639     (3) The commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, shall make  
640     an unannounced visit, inspection or investigation of each licensed  
641     child day care center and group day care home at least once each year.  
642     At least once every two years, the local health director, or the local  
643     health director's designee, shall make an inspection of each licensed  
644     child day care center and group day care home.

645     (c) The [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner, within  
646     available appropriations, shall require each prospective employee of a  
647     child day care center or group day care home in a position requiring  
648     the provision of care to a child to submit to state and national criminal  
649     history records checks. The criminal history records checks required  
650     pursuant to this subsection shall be conducted in accordance with  
651     section 29-17a. The commissioner shall also request a check of the state  
652     child abuse registry established pursuant to section 17a-101k. Pursuant  
653     to the interagency agreement provided for in section 10-16s, the  
654     Department of Social Services may agree to transfer funds  
655     appropriated for criminal history records checks to the [Department of  
656     Public Health] Office of Early Childhood. The commissioner shall  
657     notify each licensee of the provisions of this subsection.

658     (d) The commissioner shall inform each licensee, by way of a plain  
659     language summary provided not later than sixty days after the  
660     regulation's effective date, of new or changed regulations adopted  
661     under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, or sections 19a-82 to 19a-87a,  
662     inclusive, with which a licensee must comply.

663     Sec. 7. Section 19a-87b of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes  
664     is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
665     *1, 2014*):

666     (a) No person, group of persons, association, organization,  
667     corporation, institution or agency, public or private, shall maintain a  
668     family day care home, as defined in section 19a-77, without a license  
669     issued by the Commissioner of [Public Health] the Office of Early  
670     Childhood, established pursuant to section 1 of substitute senate bill 25

671 of the current session. Licensure forms shall be obtained from the  
672 [Department of Public Health] office. Applications for licensure shall  
673 be made to the commissioner on forms provided by the [department]  
674 office and shall contain the information required by regulations  
675 adopted under this section. The licensure and application forms shall  
676 contain a notice that false statements made therein are punishable in  
677 accordance with section 53a-157b. Applicants shall state, in writing,  
678 that they are in compliance with the regulations adopted by the  
679 commissioner pursuant to subsection (f) of this section. Before a family  
680 day care home license is granted, the [department] office shall make an  
681 inquiry and investigation which shall include a visit and inspection of  
682 the premises for which the license is requested. Any inspection  
683 conducted by the [department] office shall include an inspection for  
684 evident sources of lead poisoning. The [department] office shall  
685 provide for a chemical analysis of any paint chips found on such  
686 premises. Neither the commissioner nor the commissioner's designee  
687 shall require an annual inspection for homes seeking license renewal  
688 or for licensed homes, except that the commissioner or the  
689 commissioner's designee shall make [unannounced visits, during  
690 customary business hours, to at least thirty-three and one-third per  
691 cent of the licensed family day care homes each year] an unannounced  
692 visit, inspection or investigation of each licensed family day care home  
693 at least once every year. A licensed family day care home shall not be  
694 subject to any conditions on the operation of such home by local  
695 officials, other than those imposed by the [department] office pursuant  
696 to this subsection, if the home complies with all local codes and  
697 ordinances applicable to single and multifamily dwellings.

698 (b) No person shall act as an assistant or substitute staff member to a  
699 person or entity maintaining a family day care home, as defined in  
700 section 19a-77, without an approval issued by the [Commissioner of  
701 Public Health] commissioner. Any person seeking to act as an assistant  
702 or substitute staff member in a family day care home shall submit an  
703 application for such approval to the [department] office. Applications  
704 for approval shall: (1) Be made to the commissioner on forms provided

705 by the [department] office, (2) contain the information required by  
706 regulations adopted under this section, and (3) be accompanied by a  
707 fee of fifteen dollars. The approval application forms shall contain a  
708 notice that false statements made in such form are punishable in  
709 accordance with section 53a-157b.

710 (c) The [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner, within  
711 available appropriations, shall require each initial applicant or  
712 prospective employee of a family day care home in a position  
713 requiring the provision of care to a child, including an assistant or  
714 substitute staff member, to submit to state and national criminal  
715 history records checks. The criminal history records checks required  
716 pursuant to this subsection shall be conducted in accordance with  
717 section 29-17a. The commissioner shall also request a check of the state  
718 child abuse registry established pursuant to section 17a-101k. The  
719 commissioner shall notify each licensee of the provisions of this  
720 subsection.

721 (d) An application for initial licensure pursuant to this section shall  
722 be accompanied by a fee of forty dollars and such license shall be  
723 issued for a term of four years. An application for renewal of a license  
724 issued pursuant to this section shall be accompanied by a fee of forty  
725 dollars and a certification from the licensee that any child enrolled in  
726 the family day care home has received age-appropriate immunizations  
727 in accordance with regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (f) of  
728 this section. A license issued pursuant to this section shall be renewed  
729 for a term of four years.

730 (e) An application for initial staff approval or renewal of staff  
731 approval shall be accompanied by a fee of fifteen dollars. Such  
732 approvals shall be issued or renewed for a term of two years.

733 (f) The [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner shall adopt  
734 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to assure  
735 that family day care homes, as defined in section 19a-77, shall meet the  
736 health, educational and social needs of children utilizing such homes.

Such regulations shall ensure that the family day care home is treated as a residence, and not an institutional facility. Such regulations shall specify that each child be protected as age-appropriate by adequate immunization against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, rubella, hemophilus influenzae type B and any other vaccine required by the schedule of active immunization adopted pursuant to section 19a-7f. Such regulations shall provide appropriate exemptions for children for whom such immunization is medically contraindicated and for children whose parents object to such immunization on religious grounds. Such regulations shall also specify conditions under which family day care home providers may administer tests to monitor glucose levels in a child with diagnosed diabetes mellitus, and administer medicinal preparations, including controlled drugs specified in the regulations by the commissioner, to a child receiving day care services at a family day care home pursuant to a written order of a physician licensed to practice medicine in this or another state, an advanced practice registered nurse licensed to prescribe in accordance with section 20-94a or a physician assistant licensed to prescribe in accordance with section 20-12d, and the written authorization of a parent or guardian of such child. Such regulations shall specify appropriate standards for extended care and intermittent short-term overnight care. The commissioner shall inform each licensee, by way of a plain language summary provided not later than sixty days after the regulation's effective date, of any new or changed regulations adopted under this subsection with which a licensee must comply.

Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) The Office of Early Childhood, established pursuant to section 1 of substitute senate bill 25 of the current session, shall constitute a successor department, in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-38d, 4-38e and 4-39 of the general statutes, to the Department of Public Health for the purpose of the conduct of regulation of youth camps pursuant to sections 19a-420 to 19a-434, inclusive, of the general statutes, as amended by this act.



770       Sec. 9. Section 19a-420 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
771 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

772       As used in this chapter:

773       (1) "Youth camp" means any regularly scheduled program or  
774 organized group activity advertised as a camp or operated only during  
775 school vacations or on weekends by a person, partnership,  
776 corporation, association, the state or a municipal agency for  
777 recreational or educational purposes and accommodating for profit or  
778 under philanthropic or charitable auspices five or more children, who  
779 are at least three years of age and under sixteen years of age, who are  
780 (A) not bona fide personal guests in the private home of an individual,  
781 and (B) living apart from their relatives, parents or legal guardian, for  
782 a period of three days or more per week or portions of three or more  
783 days per week, provided any such relative, parent or guardian who is  
784 an employee of such camp shall not be considered to be in the position  
785 of loco parentis to such employee's child for the purposes of this  
786 chapter, but does not include (i) classroom-based summer instructional  
787 programs operated by any person, provided no activities that may  
788 pose a health risk or hazard to participating children are conducted at  
789 such programs, (ii) public schools, or private schools in compliance  
790 with section 10-188 and approved by the State Board of Education or  
791 accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the State Board of  
792 Education, which operate a summer educational program, (iii) licensed  
793 day care centers, or (iv) drop-in programs for children who are at least  
794 six years of age administered by a nationally chartered boys' and girls'  
795 club;

796       (2) "Resident camp" means any youth camp which is established,  
797 conducted or maintained on any parcel or parcels of land on which  
798 there are located dwelling units or buildings intended to accommodate  
799 five or more children who are at least three years of age and under  
800 sixteen years of age for at least seventy-two consecutive hours and in  
801 which the campers attending such camps eat and sleep;

802 (3) "Day camp" means any youth camp which is established,  
803 conducted or maintained on any parcel or parcels of land on which  
804 there are located dwelling units or buildings intended to accommodate  
805 five or more children who are at least three years of age and under  
806 sixteen years of age during daylight hours for at least three days a  
807 week with the campers eating and sleeping at home, except for one  
808 meal per day, but does not include programs operated by a municipal  
809 agency;

810 (4) "Person" means the state or any municipal agency, individual,  
811 partnership, association, organization, limited liability company or  
812 corporation;

813 (5) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of [Public Health] the  
814 Office of Early Childhood; and

815 (6) ["Department" means the Department of Public Health] "Office"  
816 means the Office of Early Childhood established pursuant to section 1  
817 of substitute senate bill 25 of the current session.

818 Sec. 10. Section 19a-421 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
819 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

820 No person shall establish, conduct or maintain a youth camp  
821 without a license issued by the [department] office. Applications for  
822 such license shall be made in writing at least thirty days prior to the  
823 opening of the youth camp on forms provided and in accordance with  
824 procedures established by the commissioner and shall be accompanied  
825 by a fee of eight hundred fifteen dollars or, if the applicant is a  
826 nonprofit, nonstock corporation or association, a fee of three hundred  
827 fifteen dollars or, if the applicant is a day camp affiliated with a  
828 nonprofit organization, for no more than five days duration and for  
829 which labor and materials are donated, no fee. All such licenses shall  
830 be valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance unless  
831 surrendered for cancellation or suspended or revoked by the  
832 commissioner for violation of this chapter or any regulations adopted

833 under section 19a-428, as amended by this act, and shall be renewable  
834 upon payment of a eight-hundred-fifteen-dollar license fee or, if the  
835 licensee is a nonprofit, nonstock corporation or association, a three-  
836 hundred-fifteen-dollar license fee or, if the applicant is a day camp  
837 affiliated with a nonprofit organization, for no more than five days  
838 duration and for which labor and materials are donated, no fee.

839 Sec. 11. Section 19a-422 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
840 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

841 To be eligible for the issuance or renewal of a youth camp license  
842 pursuant to this chapter, the camp shall satisfy the following  
843 requirements: (1) The location of the camp shall be such as to provide  
844 adequate surface drainage and afford facilities for obtaining a good  
845 water supply; (2) each dwelling unit, building and structure shall be  
846 maintained in good condition, suitable for the use to which it is put,  
847 and shall present no health or fire hazard as so certified by the  
848 [department] office and the State Fire Marshal or local fire marshal, as  
849 indicated by a current fire marshal certificate dated within the past  
850 year and available on site when the youth camp is in operation; (3)  
851 there shall be an adequate and competent staff, which includes the  
852 camp director or assistant director, one of whom shall be on site at all  
853 times the camp is in operation, activities specialists, counselors and  
854 maintenance personnel, of good character and reputation; (4) prior to  
855 assuming responsibility for campers, staff shall be trained, at a  
856 minimum, on the camp's policies and procedures pertaining to  
857 behavioral management and supervision, emergency health and safety  
858 procedures and recognizing, preventing and reporting child abuse and  
859 neglect; (5) all hazardous activities, including, but not limited to,  
860 archery, aquatics, horseback riding and firearms instruction, shall be  
861 supervised by a qualified activities specialist who has adequate  
862 experience and training in such specialist's area of specialty; (6) the  
863 staff of a resident and nonresident camp shall at all times include an  
864 adult trained in the administration of first aid as required by the  
865 commissioner; (7) records of personal data for each camper shall be

866 kept in any reasonable form the camp director may choose, and shall  
867 include (A) the camper's name, age and address, (B) the name, address  
868 and telephone number of the parents or guardian, (C) the dates of  
869 admission and discharge, and (D) such other information as the  
870 commissioner shall require. Any youth camp licensed under this  
871 chapter shall operate only as the type of camp authorized by such  
872 license. Such camps shall not advertise any service they are not  
873 equipped or licensed to offer. The license shall be posted in a  
874 conspicuous place at camp headquarters and failure to so post the  
875 license shall result in the presumption that the camp is being operated  
876 in violation of this chapter.

877 Sec. 12. Section 19a-423 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
878 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

879 (a) The commissioner may take any of the actions authorized under  
880 subsection (b) of this section if the youth camp licensee: (1) Is convicted  
881 of any offense involving moral turpitude, the record of conviction  
882 being conclusive evidence thereof; (2) is legally adjudicated insane or  
883 mentally incompetent, the record of such adjudication being  
884 conclusive evidence thereof; (3) uses any narcotic or any controlled  
885 drug, as defined in section 21a-240, to an extent or in a manner that  
886 such use impairs the licensee's ability to properly care for children; (4)  
887 fails to comply with the statutes and regulations for licensing youth  
888 camps; (5) furnishes or makes any misleading or any false statement or  
889 report to the [department] office; (6) refuses to submit to the  
890 [department] office any reports or refuses to make available to the  
891 [department] office any records required by it in investigating the  
892 facility for licensing purposes; (7) fails or refuses to submit to an  
893 investigation or inspection by the [department] office or to admit  
894 authorized representatives of the [department] office at any reasonable  
895 time for the purpose of investigation, inspection or licensing; (8) fails  
896 to provide, maintain, equip and keep in safe and sanitary condition  
897 premises established for or used by the campers pursuant to minimum  
898 standards prescribed by the [department] office or by ordinances or

899 regulations applicable to the location of such facility; or (9) wilfully or  
900 deliberately violates any of the provisions of this chapter.

901 (b) The [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner, after a  
902 contested case hearing held in accordance with the provisions of  
903 chapter 54, may take any of the following actions, singly or in  
904 combination, in any case in which the commissioner finds that there  
905 has been a substantial failure to comply with the requirements  
906 established under sections 19a-420 to 19a-428, inclusive, as amended  
907 by this act, the Public Health Code or regulations adopted pursuant to  
908 section 19a-428, as amended by this act: (1) Revoke a license; (2)  
909 suspend a license; (3) impose a civil penalty of not more than one  
910 hundred dollars per violation for each day of occurrence; (4) place a  
911 licensee on probationary status and require such licensee to report  
912 regularly to the [department] office on the matters that are the basis of  
913 the probation; (5) restrict the acquisition of other facilities for a period  
914 of time set by the commissioner; or (6) impose limitations on a license.

915 (c) The commissioner shall notify the licensee, in writing, of the  
916 commissioner's intention to suspend or revoke the license or to impose  
917 a licensure action. The licensee may, if aggrieved by such intended  
918 action, make application for a hearing, in writing, over the licensee's  
919 signature to the commissioner. The licensee shall state in the  
920 application in plain language the reasons why the licensee claims to be  
921 aggrieved. The application shall be delivered to the commissioner not  
922 later than thirty days after the licensee's receipt of notification of the  
923 intended action.

924 (d) The commissioner shall hold a hearing not later than sixty days  
925 after receipt of such application and shall, at least ten days prior to the  
926 date of such hearing, mail a notice, giving the time and place of the  
927 hearing, to the licensee. The hearing may be conducted by the  
928 commissioner or by a hearing officer appointed by the commissioner,  
929 in writing. The licensee and the commissioner or hearing officer may  
930 issue subpoenas requiring the attendance of witnesses. The licensee  
931 shall be entitled to be represented by counsel and a transcript of the

932 hearing shall be made. If the hearing is conducted by a hearing officer,  
933 the hearing officer shall state the hearing officer's findings and make a  
934 recommendation to the commissioner on the issue of revocation or  
935 suspension or the intended licensure action.

936 (e) The commissioner, based upon the findings and  
937 recommendation of the hearing officer, or after a hearing conducted by  
938 the commissioner, shall render the commissioner's decision, in writing,  
939 suspending, revoking or continuing the license or regarding the  
940 intended licensure action. A copy of the decision shall be sent by  
941 certified mail to the licensee. The decision revoking or suspending the  
942 license or a decision imposing a licensure action shall become effective  
943 thirty days after it is mailed by registered or certified mail to the  
944 licensee. A licensee aggrieved by the decision of the commissioner may  
945 appeal in the same manner as provided in section 19a-85.

946 (f) The provisions of subsections (c) to (e), inclusive, of this section  
947 shall not apply to the denial of an initial application for a license under  
948 section 19a-421, as amended by this act, provided the commissioner  
949 notifies the applicant of any such denial and the reasons for such  
950 denial by mailing written notice to the applicant at the applicant's  
951 address shown on the license application.

952 (g) If the [department] office determines that the health, safety or  
953 welfare of a child or staff person at a youth camp requires imperative  
954 emergency action by the [department] office to halt an activity being  
955 provided at the camp, the [department] office may issue a cease and  
956 desist order limiting the license and requiring the immediate cessation  
957 of the activity. The [department] office shall provide the licensee with  
958 an opportunity for a hearing regarding the issuance of a cease and  
959 desist order. Such hearing shall be held not later than ten business  
960 days after the date of issuance of the order. Upon receipt of such order,  
961 the licensee shall cease providing the activity and provide immediate  
962 notification to staff and the parents of all children attending the camp  
963 that such activity has ceased at the camp until such time as the cease  
964 and desist order is dissolved by the [department] office.

965 Sec. 13. Section 19a-425 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
966 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

967 Any person who establishes, conducts or maintains a youth camp  
968 without a license as required by this chapter for a first offense shall be  
969 subject to a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars, and  
970 for a second or subsequent offense shall be subject to a civil penalty of  
971 not more than one thousand five hundred dollars, and each day  
972 during which a youth camp is conducted or maintained without a  
973 license, after notification to such person by the commissioner, shall  
974 constitute a separate offense. The [Commissioner of Public Health]  
975 commissioner may apply to the superior court for the judicial district  
976 of Hartford, or for the judicial district where the defendant named in  
977 such application resides, for an injunction to restrain the operation or  
978 maintenance of a youth camp by any person other than a licensed  
979 operator. The application for such injunction or the issuance of the  
980 same shall be in addition to and shall not relieve any such person from  
981 the imposition of a civil penalty under this section. In connection with  
982 any such application for an injunction, it shall not be necessary to  
983 prove that an adequate remedy at law does not exist.

984 Sec. 14. Section 19a-426 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
985 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

986 The [Department of Public Health] office shall inspect or cause to be  
987 inspected the facilities to be operated by an applicant for an original  
988 license before the license shall be granted, and shall annually thereafter  
989 inspect or cause to be inspected the facilities of all licensees. No annual  
990 inspection shall be required under this section in the case of facilities of  
991 a licensee located in any dormitory, classroom or other building or any  
992 athletic facility owned and maintained by any college or university,  
993 provided a timely safety inspection of such building or facility,  
994 satisfactory to the [department] office, is conducted by or on behalf of  
995 such college or university.

996 Sec. 15. Section 19a-427 of the general statutes is repealed and the

997 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

998       The [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner is authorized to  
999 accept, on behalf of the state, any grants of federal or private funds  
1000 made available for any purposes consistent with the provisions of this  
1001 chapter. The commissioner, with the approval of the Secretary of the  
1002 Office of Policy and Management, may direct the disposition of any  
1003 such grants so accepted in conformity with the terms and conditions  
1004 under which given.

1005       Sec. 16. Section 19a-428 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1006 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1007       (a) The [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner shall adopt  
1008 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, relating to  
1009 the safe operation of youth camps, including, but not limited to,  
1010 personnel qualifications for director and staff; ratio of staff to campers;  
1011 sanitation and public health; personal health, first aid and medical  
1012 services; food handling, mass feeding and cleanliness; water supply  
1013 and waste disposal; water safety, including use of lakes and rivers,  
1014 swimming and boating equipment and practices, vehicle condition and  
1015 operation; building and site design; equipment; and condition and  
1016 density of use, as the commissioner may deem necessary or desirable.  
1017 Such regulations shall be construed to be minimum standards subject  
1018 to the imposition and enforcement of higher standards by any town,  
1019 city or borough.

1020       (b) The [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner shall adopt  
1021 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, allowing  
1022 physical examinations or health status certifications required by youth  
1023 camps prior to the date of arrival at youth camps to be made by a  
1024 physician, an advanced practice registered nurse or registered nurse  
1025 licensed pursuant to chapter 378 or a physician assistant licensed  
1026 pursuant to chapter 370. Such regulations shall permit a physical  
1027 examination that is required for school purposes to also be used to  
1028 satisfy any such required youth camp examination or certification,



1029 subject to such conditions regarding the timeliness of such  
1030 examination as the commissioner deems appropriate.

1031 (c) The [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner shall adopt  
1032 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, that  
1033 specify conditions under which youth camp directors and staff may  
1034 administer tests to monitor glucose levels in a child with diagnosed  
1035 diabetes mellitus, and administer medicinal preparations, including  
1036 controlled drugs specified in the regulations adopted by the  
1037 commissioner, to a child enrolled in a youth camp at such camp. The  
1038 regulations shall require authorization pursuant to: (1) The written  
1039 order of a physician licensed to practice medicine or a dentist licensed  
1040 to practice dental medicine in this or another state, an advanced  
1041 practice registered nurse licensed under chapter 378, a physician  
1042 assistant licensed under chapter 370, a podiatrist licensed under  
1043 chapter 375 or an optometrist licensed under chapter 380; and (2) the  
1044 written authorization of a parent or guardian of such child.

1045 Sec. 17. Section 19a-429 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1046 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1047 Any person having reasonable cause to believe that a youth camp,  
1048 as defined in section 19a-420, as amended by this act, is operating  
1049 without a current and valid license or in violation of regulations  
1050 adopted under section 19a-428, as amended by this act, or in a manner  
1051 which may pose a potential danger to the health, welfare and safety of  
1052 a child receiving youth camp services, may report such information to  
1053 the [Department of Public Health] office. The [department] office shall  
1054 investigate any report or complaint received pursuant to this section.  
1055 In connection with any investigation of a youth camp, the  
1056 [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner or [said] the  
1057 commissioner's authorized agent may administer oaths, issue  
1058 subpoenas, compel testimony and order the production of books,  
1059 records and documents. If any person refuses to appear, to testify or to  
1060 produce any book, record or document when so ordered, a judge of  
1061 the Superior Court may make such order as may be appropriate to aid

1062 in the enforcement of this section. The name of the person making the  
 1063 report or complaint shall not be disclosed unless (1) such person  
 1064 consents to such disclosure, (2) a judicial or administrative proceeding  
 1065 results therefrom, or (3) a license action pursuant to section 19a-423, as  
 1066 amended by this act, results from such report or complaint. All records  
 1067 obtained by the [department] office in connection with any such  
 1068 investigation shall not be subject to the provisions of section 1-210 for a  
 1069 period of thirty days from the date of the petition or other event  
 1070 initiating such investigation, or until such time as the investigation is  
 1071 terminated pursuant to a withdrawal or other informal disposition or  
 1072 until a hearing is convened pursuant to chapter 54, whichever is  
 1073 earlier. A formal statement of charges issued by the [department] office  
 1074 shall be subject to the provisions of section 1-210 from the time that it is  
 1075 served or mailed to the respondent. Records which are otherwise  
 1076 public records shall not be deemed confidential merely because they  
 1077 have been obtained in connection with an investigation under this  
 1078 section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-16p
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-16q
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-16r
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-80
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-87b
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-420
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-421
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-422
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-423
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-425
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-426
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-427
Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-428

Sec. 17	July 1, 2014	19a-429
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**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In subsections (d)(1) and (e)(2)(C)(ix) of section 10-16p, added "who reside in an area or town" for accuracy and clarity; in section 10-16r(c), made a technical change; in section 5(a)(1), added "as defined in section 10-16p of the general statutes, as amended by this act" for accuracy; in section 5(a)(3), replaced "subparagraph (B)" with "clause (ii)" and replaced "subdivision" with "subparagraph" for accuracy; in section 19a-80(b)(3), added "at least once" and "once" for clarity; in section 19a-87b(a), added "once" for clarity; in section 19a-87b(f), inserted brackets around "Commissioner of Public Health" and after the closing bracket inserted "commissioner" for accuracy and consistency; struck section 13 of the bill because there were no changes being made and renumbered the following sections accordingly; and throughout, added reference re "established pursuant to section 1 of substitute senate bill 25 of the current session" for accuracy and proper form.

**ED***Joint Favorable Subst.*